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1. (S) SUMMARY: This cable is the second in a series that profiles the most powerful families in Azerbaijan, both in terms of economic and political

The Man Behind the Power  
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2. (S) Kamaladdin Heydarov is the most powerful member of this family, and some observers have said he might be even more powerful than the President

3. (S) Kamaladdin Heydarov was Chairman of the State Customs Committee for nine years, and since 2006 has been head of the para-military Ministry of

4. (S) The State Customs position allowed him to gain his massive wealth, as significant illicit payments were paid "up the food chain" in an

The Ministry of Everything Significant (MES)  
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5. (SBU) The Ministry of Emergency Situations (MES) has consistently proven itself to be one of the most powerful ministries in Azerbaijan. It

6. (SBU) It is often said mockingly that in Azerbaijan's judicial system, one can only win a case if one is friends with the judge - or if one

7. (S) These types of market developments do not bode well for the reputation of MES, which is widely viewed as a cash cow for Baku's elite, as

His Boys and Their Toys  
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8. (S) Kamaladdin's two sons, Nijat Heydarov and Tale Heydarov, have recently expressed a desire to purchase two Gulfstream jets, valued at \$2  
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Heydarovs provided Gulfstream an overview of their family holdings, and it appears they own more businesses than any other Azerbaijani family,

9. (C) One Embassy contact, XXXXXXXXXXXX referred to Khangah as the Chief Executive Officer or "front man" of a substantial portion of the Heydarov

10. (C) Many of the family's operations are part of the "Gilan," "Qabala," "Jala," or "United Enterprises International (UEI)" family of companies

11. (S) The Heydarovs are also active in cultural endeavors. Kamaladdin Heydarov is a composer and has written a song about former President Heydarov

12. (C) Heydarov's son Tale is the President of The European Azerbaijan Society (TEAS), and has made rounds to U.S. embassies in European capitals  
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players from across Europe, Latin America and Africa -- the best team money can buy, at least for central Azerbaijan. Both sons were educated in

It's Good to Be King  
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13. (C) The family's influence is strongest in the regions of Qabala, Masalli, and Lenkeran. Postsuspects that Heydarov continues to control the

Turf Wars: Don't Cross Kamaladdin  
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14. (S) Embassy contacts note that Kamaladdin Heydarov is currently in a "fight over grain" with Minister of Agriculture Ismat Abbasov, and we

15. (U) The next issue of "Who Owns What" will profile the family of Ziya Mammadov, the Minister of Transportation. With so much of the national